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OUTLINE OF U.S. CASE ON GUATEMALAN SITUATION

A. BASIC CHARACTER

The United States is calling a Meeting of Consultation under Article 6, Rio Treaty, to consider a situation endangering the peace of America and "to agree on the measures which should be taken for the common defense and for the maintenance of the peace and security of the continent".

The situation arises from intensified efforts of the International Communist Organization to penetrate the Government of Guatemala and support its growing influence in Guatemala and Central America with substantial military assistance.

Special pains should be taken to avoid any suggestion that this is a dispute between the United States and Guatemala. It is on the contrary a charge against the chiefs of the International Communist Organization and their agents in Guatemala and elsewhere, and is of equal concern to all the American republics.

B. OBJECTIVES

I. To give satisfactory evidence that

a) Communist penetration in Guatemala is extensive.

b) That arms delivery from Iron Curtain area was

1) Large

2) Covert in plan and execution

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c) That a) and b) together create a danger to peace and affect political independence and sovereignty of American States.

II. To present convincing argument that the above situation justifies and requires measures to prevent the further shipment of arms to Guatemala and the travel of communist agents to and from that country.

III. To rebut Guatemalan arguments that the real issue is the opposition of the United Fruit Company to Guatemalan social and economic reforms.

C. TOPICS TO BE COVERED

I. World communist situation today as context for Guatemalan problems.

II. Extent and history of Communist penetration in Guatemala.

a) Penetration

b) Influence on Government

III. Guatemalan interference in other countries (probably to be used mainly by other countries).

IV. Arms shipments.

a) Quantity and value

b) Military effect

c) Circumstances

d) Political significance

V. Existence of threat to peace affecting sovereignty and political independence of other countries.

VI. Appropriations of making recommendations under Rio Treaty.

a) Relation to

b) Article 53 of UN Charter

c) Problem of intervention

d) Possible use of Charter instead of Rio Treaty.

VII. Prevention of arms ~~xk~~ deliveries and travel

a) How carried out

b) Effectiveness

VIII. Political consequences expected in Guatemala as result OAS action.

IX. U.S. policy re United Fruit Company.